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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

## Insurances.

### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED).....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WU LIN YUEN, Secretary.

### HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

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SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCE MARITIME MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....15,000,000 Francs.

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The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [4]

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CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00.

PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 270,000.00.

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 288,936.17.

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881.....Tls. 938,936.17.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [53]

## Intimations.

### TO LET.

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET, "KURAHJEAN," No. 10, ALBANY ROAD.

OFFICES IN No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Hongkong, 28th January, 1882. [74]

### TO LET.

TWO ROOMS suitable for an Office in the Premises No. 15, WELLINGTON-STREET.

Possession on 1st January, 1882.

Apply to DE SOUZA & Co., Hongkong, 14th November, 1881. [15]

### TO LET.

A LARGE GRANITE GODOWN, in "BLUE BUILDINGS," Praya East, with immediate possession.

Apply to J. M. GUEDES, 33, WELLINGTON-STREET.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1882. [49]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

From THIS DATE, and during the absence of Mr. J. BRADLEE SMITH, Mr. D. McLAURIN will act as Secretary.

W. REINERS, Chairman, Board of Directors.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. [85]

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X. Y. Z., Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1882. [66]

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A MANAGING PARTNER for an Old Established WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANT'S BUSINESS, with AERATED WATERS MANUFACTORY and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS combined.

For full Particulars, apply to "A. B. C.," c/o, OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1882. [72]

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents, ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [3]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS of the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [6]

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DAVID CORSAR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY.

NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CROWN.

ARNOLD KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [3]

## For Sale.

H. FOURNIER & CO.

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A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF FANCY GOODS.

FANCY PLAYING CARDS.

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HUNTLY and PALMER'S BISCUITS.

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NOIX DE VEAU TRUFFEE (in Tins).

COTELETTE DE VEAU (in Tins).

VEAU ROTI (in Tins).

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FRICANDEAU (Assorted).

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ANCHOVIES in Oil.

CAVIAR.

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SARDINES in Tomatoes.

SARDINES in Oil.

FRENCH and ENGLISH MUSTARD.

SAUSAGES (Assorted).

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FRENCH ISIGNY BUTTER (in 1 and 2 lbs. Tins).

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VERMOUTH (Nolly Prat).

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FANCY SILK UMBRELLAS.

And a VARIETY of OTHER GOODS.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1882. [17]

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Le Fils d'Adulterin.....Edouard Cadol.  
Les Mystères du Hasard.....Parvaldes Schénes.  
L'Affaire Matspan.....Fortune de Boisgobey.  
Le Manoir des Célibataires.....M. Maryan.  
Chiffon.....Alfred Assollant.  
Le Venage d'Aline.....Tir Benton.  
Jeunes Filles et Jeunes Femmes.....L. Desnoyers.  
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Hongkong, January 30th, 1882. [79]

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1882. [87]

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## Intimations.

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good faith. All letters for publication should be written on  
one side of the paper only, and rejected communications can  
not be returned. Advertisements and Subscriptions which  
are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until  
countermanded.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1882.

As MILTON truly says, in his incomparable  
"Paradise Lost,"

Revenge, at first through sweet,  
Bitter ere long back on itself recoils.

If we remember rightly, BYRON wrote something  
in "Childe Harold" about revenge  
being sweet—especially to women. Making  
every allowance for the poet's well known  
and pronounced antipathies to the fairer  
portion of our frail humanity, there can be  
no question as to the correctness of his  
impeachment with regard to what has  
justly been considered the very worst  
attribute in human nature. At the same  
time, while admitting that there are depths  
of degradation to which a woman will  
descend to avenge a fancied wrong, or re-  
sent an injury of even a trifling character,  
from which ordinary manhood would  
recoil with abhorrence, we must not lose  
sight of the fact that there are men in  
the world—and a goodly number of them,  
to their shame be it said—who are  
capable of any meanness against those  
who may happen to have crossed their  
path; and it is against this particular  
class of contemptible cowards that we  
intend to directly apply the above quota-  
tion from the masterpiece of England's  
greatest poet.

The attention of the public at home has  
lately been directed to an article which  
appeared in the *St. James's Budget* on the  
subject of the government of Hongkong  
during the term of office of the present  
governor, Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY,  
K.C.M.G. As we pointed out a few  
days ago, a greater farrago of malici-  
ous misrepresentation never appear-  
ed in a respectable London newspaper,  
and this fact must have been perfectly  
plain to every honest and right thinking  
person in this Colony—no matter whether  
friendly or antagonistic to the policy of the  
Governor. In plain words, the article in  
the *St. James's Budget* is a tissue of inspired  
lies, purposely written for special reasons  
which are not hard to discover. As this  
so-called organ of the Tories has since its  
first issue been daily abusing everything  
and everybody for the simple object of  
obtaining cheap notoriety, its ridiculous  
series of fulminations against the govern-  
ment of Hongkong can have no possible  
effect with those who are in any way ac-  
quainted with the actual truth; although  
they may to some extent influence the ig-  
norant and unthinking. How was the  
article received in this Colony? The *Daily  
Press* wrote the usual mild decoction of milk  
and water claptrap—so characteristic of our  
respected contemporary's independent ex-  
pression of opinion (?)—but carefully  
avoided becoming sponsor for the long  
string of malicious and libellous falsehoods,  
so elaborately worked up by the late oracle  
of the *Pall Mall Gazette*. The *China Mail*  
as a matter of course, availed itself of the  
opportunity of showing its petty spite in a  
fresh, badly written, and what was evident  
to all, maliciously unjust attack on Sir JOHN  
POPE HENNESSY. But the general commu-  
nity of Hongkong read the article, guessed  
who inspired the writer, and languidly ex-  
pressed the opinion that the whole business  
—although utterly false—had been very  
nicely got up. The public of Hongkong

know the utter baselessness of the charges  
contained in the slashing attack on Sir JOHN  
POPE HENNESSY, and although they may not  
love His Excellency very much or admire his  
policy, they are too honest, too honorable to  
be seduced into supporting the gross im-  
putations of the *St. James's Budget*, the vul-  
gar and ungrammatical abuse of the *China  
Mail*. They know that mean, petty spite is  
at the bottom of the whole affair; and the  
verdict of the Hongkong public on the  
contemptible expedient, adopted by the  
avowed enemies of Governor HENNESSY to  
blacken his reputation both here and at  
home, is one more proof of Milton's words:

Revenge, at first through sweet,  
Bitter ere long back on itself recoils.

We can easily imagine the grim satis-  
faction felt by Mr. HORACE HARRINGTON  
NELSON, late Justice of the Peace, and Vice-  
Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in  
this Colony, when he perused the trenchant  
onslaught on Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY in  
the *St. James's Budget*. It is not difficult  
to conjure up the imagination the vulgar  
triumph of the gentleman, whose ignorant  
bumpiness received such a tremendous  
taking-down at the hands of the Earl of  
KIMBERLEY, when he saw in print, with his  
own initials prominently displayed, the  
letter under the heading "A Cry from  
Hongkong." In fairness to Mr. HORACE  
HARRINGTON NELSON we give his letter in  
full. It is as follows:—

You have done a public service in drawing  
attention to the existing misgovernment in the  
small but important colony of Hongkong. A  
resident there during most of the time Sir JOHN  
POPE HENNESSY has been Governor, I can testify  
to the general accuracy of the statements you  
have published; and—in common, I am sure,  
with almost every Englishman residing in the  
various parts of the Far East—I sincerely hope  
that the publicity you have given to the matter  
will be the means of inducing Her Majesty's  
Government to take such action as may remedy  
a condition of things which has become a scandal  
and reproach to the very name of government.  
Under Governor HENNESSY's immediate predeces-  
sors—Sir Arthur Kennedy, Sir Richard Graves  
Macdonnell, and Sir Hercules Robinson—the go-  
vernment of the colony was not unfairly regarded  
as a model and example to the neighbouring  
mandarins of what honest straightforwardness  
could accomplish; and—with its seeming popu-  
lation of busy, thrifty, and thriving Celestials,  
its merchants of almost every nationality under the  
sun, its numerous banks and prosperous public  
companies, its fine public buildings, and private  
dwellings—Hongkong, in that distant latitude,  
forms no mean monument to British industry,  
enterprise, and perseverance. Paying its way,  
and contributing, besides, handsomely to the Im-  
perial Treasury, it is not surprising that there is  
a strong feeling in the colony that this Crown  
dependency, with no voice in its own administra-  
tion, is entitled to judicious government and to be  
taken care of by the Colonial Office, or that in  
the absence of such advantages a good deal  
of indignation should be apparent. The facts  
you publish are well known all over the East,  
with others of an equally pitiable and painful  
character; and I do not think I err in assuming  
that they are all, or nearly all, equally well  
known to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of  
State for the Colonies. It is but too obvious that  
with the relations existing between the Governor  
and his subordinates the machinery of govern-  
ment in a Crown colony cannot work fairly in  
the interests of the governed; and though the  
officers who have incurred Governor HENNESSY's  
enmity appear to have been protected by the  
Colonial Office, and their honest representations  
to have been judged in a fair spirit, it must be  
acknowledged that those gentlemen cannot be  
expected to perform their duties to the public  
satisfaction, or at all, when their time is contin-  
ually taken up in worrying contests with their  
chief, who unless he is sadly mangled, is not  
over-scrupulous in the means he adopts to pun-  
ish those who incur his displeasure. Surely it  
is the duty of Her Majesty's Secretary of State  
for the Colonies to investigate the matter thoroughly?  
Throughout the Far East the grievances of  
Hongkong are notorious; and there is but  
one opinion as to the character of the go-  
vernment of the Colony. The European  
community in the island is an educated  
and intelligent one, and their judgment  
is almost unanimous. If, as is openly asserted  
in the public press and is universally held to be  
the case in his dominion, Governor HENNESSY is  
damaging the interests of the Colony to gratify  
his whims and fads, the Colonial Office is re-  
sponsible for allowing him to continue so doing.  
He is undoubtedly shunned by many of the lead-  
ing residents. The matters of complaint against  
him are no secret, and have been freely discussed  
and commented upon in the newspapers of the  
Colony. He is accused of using his position to  
gratify private malice; of interfering with legiti-  
mate trade, especially the carrying of Chinese  
emigrants; of doubling or even trebling the num-  
ber of prisoners the Colony has to support, by  
obstinately adhering to a mistaken policy  
in treating criminals; of practically stop-  
ping the progress of works, sanitation,  
etc., by quarrelling with his officers; of sup-  
pressing or delaying despatches to serve  
his own ends; of doctored the local gazette; of  
taking into his counsel and confidence outsiders  
of no position or character, while worrying, bully-  
ing, and discrediting his own officers; of insult-  
ing and abusing members of the community who  
venture to disagree with him; in fact, of repeat-  
ing in Hongkong the very line of conduct of  
which he was accused in Barbadoes. Without  
assuming to judge that all these charges are  
fully proven, is there not in the very fact of their  
existence good ground for fully inquiry whether  
the dignity and honour of Her Majesty the Queen  
are fittingly represented in Hongkong?—Enclous-  
ing my card, I remain, sir, your obedient servant,  
H. H. N.

As we are disposed to consider the com-  
munity of Hongkong a body of practical  
men of sound, common sense, imbued with  
those feelings of honor and fair-play  
characteristic of Britons in all parts of the  
world—instead of a herd of gullible  
noddies, as assumed by both our local  
contemporaries, we are spared the neces-  
sity of subjecting to any searching hostile  
criticism the above letter, which it is well  
understood, emanated from the ready—alas,  
too ready—pen of Mr. H. H. NELSON. The  
public of this Colony who know Mr. NELSON,  
who are acquainted with the actual facts  
of his differences with Sir JOHN POPE  
HENNESSY, who have not forgotten the part  
he played as Vice-Chairman of the Cham-  
ber of Commerce, which culminated in a  
little drama enacted at the Supreme Court  
and in the Hongkong Club, in which Mr.  
JOHN PITMAN was made a victim, and who  
still remember his cowardly and contemptible  
letters to the Secretary of  
State—which subjected him to a most  
merciless snubbing from that high  
official—require none of our prompting  
to arrive at an opinion as to the taste dis-  
played by the ex-justice of the peace in  
writing such a letter, and the actual truth  
of the statements contained therein. Our  
own opinions on the subject are few, sim-  
ply and easily stated. We expressed our  
thorough contempt for Mr. NELSON when  
discussing his letters to Earl KIMBERLEY,  
which he sent for publication to the Hong-  
kong press, and stated in plain language  
what we thought of his insinuations against  
Sir JOHN SMAR and the Hon. E. L.  
O'MALLEY. We can only repeat our dis-  
gust that a person who posed as a gentle-  
man in Hongkong, who was the friend  
and associate of gentlemen, a justice  
of the peace, and high official in our  
leading commercial institution, should  
have descended so low as to falsely and  
publicly traduce in a London journal, the  
character of Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY. The  
letter of "H. H. N." has not even the merit  
of truth to commend it. Falsehood is its  
prominent characteristic. And yet actions  
so contemptible, so utterly low and de-  
grading are actually bolstered up and  
supported by our local representatives.  
Revenge is sweet—especially to the *China  
Mail*, and that eminently respectable journal  
does not confine itself to strictly christian  
principles, when desirous of gratifying its  
insane passion against Governor HENNESSY.

The worthy gentleman who writes up the share  
business for our morning contemporary has  
evidently made a discovery of the old fashioned  
mare's nest description; or possibly some wag  
has been getting at his too evident verandah.  
The value of a report which gravely states that  
"Hotels have been placed at 290 and 292 1/2 cum  
dividend" will be at once apparent. This is no  
"ship of the pen," as in the quotation list the "292 1/2  
per share" is repeated. Hotels must have taken  
a turn for the better since we reported sales at  
\$90 per share yesterday afternoon.

AN embassy from the Sultan of Jolo visited  
Manila in the steamer *Francisco Reyes*. It is  
composed of Datto Muhammad Alian, Mandaya  
Abucabal, sub-Governor, Datus Salid, secre-  
tary, Cahil, Aimard, and Nuño, interpreter; the  
last named is a Christian. After having gone  
through the official ceremonies on the 24th inst.,  
they visited the principal buildings in the capital  
in company with their host, the official inter-  
preter Mr. Ortuete, and expressed themselves  
highly pleased with what they saw, and grateful  
for the courtesy shown them. They leave for  
Cavite in a day or two, from whence they will  
return to Manila to be present on the occasion  
of the celebration of the birth-day of Alfonso XII.  
—*El Comercio*.

A TERRIBLE accident has happened with the  
electric light at Hatfield. A workman accidentally  
came in contact with the uninsulated wire or  
"lead" conveying the current, and as an earth  
return was used, and his boots were wet, he was  
completed the circuit, and was killed instantly.  
As the machine used was a Brush machine,  
which is of the continuous current type, he prob-  
ably died more from fright and pain, which  
caused his heart, which was by no means healthy,  
to fail, than from the immediate effect of the  
shock. Be this how it may, if those who are in-  
terested in the electric light wish to avoid a public  
panic they must take care that fires and deaths  
do not occur—there is nothing so easy as all electric  
light leads should be insulated, and put out of  
reach, and be so secured and so far apart that  
they cannot touch each other. Were this done,  
neither fires nor deaths nor painful accidents of  
any kind could possibly happen.

The *British Mail* says there is now living in  
Anderson's-road, Southampton, a veteran naval  
pensioner named Stephen Lewis, who is over 104  
years old, having been born on the 24th of June,  
1777. The old man, who is in good health, but  
deaf, has seven children living, the oldest being a  
son 66 years of age. He has been a widower  
some thirty years, and was his wife living she  
would be about 95. Lewis was pressed into the  
navy in 1802, and made captain of the main-top.  
He served in several naval engagements, and  
also took part in some of the chief battles of the  
Peninsular War. A few days since the veteran  
made his usual appearance at the Custom-house,  
and signed his name to the receipt for his pension  
allowance. It is stated that, as in the case of the  
Rev. Mr. Beadon, late rector of North Stoneham,  
who died two or three years ago in his 102nd  
year, the birth and age of Mr. Lewis can be proved  
by documentary evidence, which places the facts  
beyond doubt.

We understand says the *Standard* that pressure  
has been brought to bear on Sir Frederick Ro-  
berts to induce him to accept the appointment of  
Quartermaster General of the Army when Sir  
Garnet Wolseley takes up the Adjutant Gener-  
ship on the 1st of April next, and that it is pro-  
bable that General Roberts may yet consent to  
return to England to join the Horse Guards Staff.

The etymology of the name *bric-a-brac*, says the  
*Popular Monthly* is rather vague. It probably  
comes from the old French expression, *De bric et  
de broque*, which means "from right and from  
left; from hither and thither." The word "bric"  
signifies, in old French an instrument used to  
shoot arrows at birds with, and some etymologists  
derive the word "brac" from the word "brocan-  
ter," to sell, or exchange, the root of which is  
Saxon, and also the origin of the word "broker."  
Its significance in pure English is "second-hand  
goods," but it has of recent years been used to  
indicate objects of some artistic value made in  
olden times, and which are much esteemed by  
modern collectors. Under the name *bric-a-brac*  
are included articles of porcelain, glass, enamels,  
bronzes, woodwork, ivories, &c.

FROM a recent home paper we learn that a  
German economist has taken the pains to  
examine comparative statistics concerning the  
use of matches, and has come to the conclusion  
that Germany surpasses all other countries in  
their consumption, which he sets down to the al-  
most universal custom of smoking. In Germany,  
the daily consumption of matches is from 10 to  
15 per head of the population; in Belgium about  
nine; in England eight; and in France six.  
Their consumption diminishes steadily and  
naturally from north to south. The total  
daily consumption for all Europe is estimated  
at two millions of matches, which gives an  
average of six or seven per head. Reckoning  
the weight of a match at a decigramme, this  
consumption will represent a daily absorption of  
200,000 kilogrammes of wood. So that Europe  
uses up annually the immense quantity of 72 1/2  
millions of kilogrammes, or more than 80,915  
tons weight of wood in matches alone.

The business at the race course this morning  
presented few features of special interest. Nearly  
the whole of the ponies in training were confined  
to healthy exercise. Mr. Paul's bay griffin  
Sirocco exhibited a great fondness for the rails,  
eventually trying to graduate in hurdle jumping  
at the turn out of the straight. The attempt  
was, however, an unsuccessful one, the pony  
jumping on the top of the bar, which of course  
gave way, and Sirocco rolled over, fortunately  
escaping unhurt. Mr. Reynell, who was riding,  
received a few slight bruises. One of Mr.  
Grammont's griffins, cantering down the straight  
behind Sirocco took fright at the incident above  
alluded to, and tried a little steeplechasing,  
clearing the ditch in fine style before Achee could  
pull him up. Jet cantered down the straight,  
aided Aistle and second Cornet, Cromwell, and  
"Sportie galloped steadily." Phantom also doing  
good work. Rose, Lightning, and Humberg were  
all sent a healthy exercise gallop.

We learn from *El Comercio* of the 24th instant  
that in a Notice to Mariners published in the  
*Journal Officiel* of Saigon from the Hydrographic  
Office of Batavia, that on and after the 20th De-  
cember, 1881, a light ship has been established  
near the Formosa bank, in the straits of Malacca,  
her position being lat. 1° 45' 30" N. and long.  
102° 49' E. The light will appear each alter-  
nate half-minute and will be visible at night at a  
distance of ten nautical miles. On the hull of  
the ship are to be seen the words *Formosa Bank*  
painted in large white letters; a red ball will ap-  
pear at the mast during the day. And during  
the night a luminous apparatus will be exhibited  
at the fore-top-mast-stay about three metres  
above the netting on her sides. She will also  
ring a bell during bad and foggy weather. The  
new light ship, which was constructed in Hong-  
kong, is commanded by Captain Richard Taylor,  
well-known in these waters and who is at pre-  
sent in the employ of the directorate of buoys  
and lighthouses of Shanghai.

A TELEGRAM from Petersburg, dated Dec. 16,  
announces that an embassy from the Tekke  
Turkomans had arrived at Askabad from Merv;  
and that another deputation had proceeded from  
Merv to Khiva to declare their submission to  
Russia and to ask for her protection. If this  
were a positive fact it would be fraught with the  
gravest importance; and, were Russia to accept  
the Turkoman proposals, that *casus belli*, the  
occupation of Merv by Russia, which so often  
used to be spoken of by English Ministers, might  
be considered as imminent. The report, how-  
ever, must be received with caution. It was  
originally issued by the *Turkistan Gazette*, a  
journal notoriously untrustworthy; and, even if  
the deputations have really gone as reported to  
Askabad and Khiva, it is extremely improbable  
that they will have gone with any intention to  
come to a permanent or final understanding.  
Their object is nearly certain to have been atten-  
tative only to see what terms were likely to be  
offered; and then to return and discuss them  
with the tribes. That the elders should have  
decided on this course is extremely probable.  
In the present disastrous state of our diplomatic  
influence at Teheran, which is absolutely nil, the  
Turkomans can hope for nothing from the Per-  
sian Government, who are dominated by the all-  
powerful dread of Russia, and who will not there-  
fore enter into communications with them. The  
Turkomans must therefore temporise with some  
one more powerful than themselves while waiting  
for events. (This is probably the meaning of  
their present friendly action.) That they should  
have taken this step, and that before doing so  
they should have released M. Kidatoff, are mat-  
ters which should not, however, escape the atten-  
tion of our Government. But to influence the  
Turkomans we must operate through Teheran.  
Our influence there at the present moment is  
probably not sufficient to secure even a respect-  
ful hearing of any representations we might wish  
to make.

We observe that the *Courier du Japon*, the  
well-known French paper published in Yokohama,  
has ceased to exist.

We observe that senior D. Antolin Pita y Casame  
has been appointed Vice Consul for Spain at  
Amoy by a Royal despatch.

We observe that the India Office has offered the  
appointment of Director of the Indian Marine to  
Captain Harry Brent, R.N.

HOME papers of a recent date, authoritatively  
announce that Sir Arthur Kennedy will vacate  
the Governorship of Queensland and return to  
England towards the end of next year.

It is announced that General Sir Charles Ellice  
has signified his willingness to accept the Go-  
vernorship of Gibraltar, for which he is named,  
on his vacating the Adjutant Generalship of the  
Army.

We hear that the meeting of the Legislative  
Council, which we stated the other day would  
probably be held on Friday next, will not take  
place until early next week—most likely on  
Tuesday.

THE *Akeshon Shinbun* says that there is some  
report of the Korean Government having resolved  
to send a Consul to Japan, and that Osaka is  
supposed to be the place where the future Con-  
sulate will be established.

WE are informed, says the *Standard* of Decem-  
ber 23rd, that the commercial negotiations with  
France will very shortly be resumed, and that  
Sir Charles Dilke is expected to arrive in Paris  
from the south of France on Monday or Tuesday  
next.

ACCORDING to *El Comercio* a transit of Venus  
will take place on the 6 or 7 of December of the  
current year. It will be visible, to a certain de-  
gree, in an extensive portion of the earth, except-  
ing East Europe and Asia; it will be visible also  
in parts of North and South America.

WE are informed, that the bark *Delia*, on a  
voyage from Liverpool to Hongkong, has been  
lost in the coast of Masbate, where she was  
beached; the crew are saved and are at present  
in that province. The vessel, which is a total  
wreck, was insured for \$12,000.—*El Comercio*.

The Shanghai *Mercury* regrets to hear of the  
death of Mr. W. H. Tapp, H.B.M. Registrar of  
shipping. The deceased gentleman was in a  
very precarious state when he took his passage  
for Egypt by the mail, and he died in the Red  
Sea. The telegram announcing his death was  
received in Shanghai on the 27th ulto.

WE note that the Dean of Westminster has, in  
accordance with the prayer of the Council of the  
Royal Institute of British Architects, supported  
by Sir Frederick Leighton, P.R.A., sanctioned  
the interment in Westminster Abbey of the late  
Mr. Street, R.A.; President, and the funeral will  
take place on Thursday, the 29th instant.

WE read that among the manuscripts lately ac-  
quired by the library of the Athenian Chamber  
is a roll of thick paper about a finger in width  
and one thousand feet long, on which the various  
anagrams of the name Constantinople are writ-  
ten. These different anagrams are arranged in  
alphabetical order and amount to no less than  
40,135. This roll was written apparently in Eng-  
land in the last century.

AN amusing anecdote is told with reference to  
the new Law Courts. During the summer, Lord  
Selborne, Lord Coleridge, and the Masters of the  
Rolls went there to ascertain their acoustic  
qualities. In the Great Hall the Lord Chancellor  
went into the judgment-seat, the Master of the  
Rolls was put in the witness-box, and the Lord  
Chief Justice cross-examined him as a witness.  
It is said that this cross-examination was of a len-  
thened and most amusing character.

It is stated that after full consideration the sec-  
retary of State for War has approved of the pro-  
posal which emanated lately from the Government  
of India that a reduction should be made in the  
number of batteries of Artillery in India, and in  
view of the withdrawal of eleven batteries now  
borne on the Indian Establishment and main-  
tained out of Indian funds, Mr. Childers intends  
in the forthcoming Estimates to modify the ex-  
isting regimental establishments of the Royal  
Artillery.

WE learn from Natal, says the *Standard* that the  
Commanding Royal Engineer at Pietermaritz-  
burg has been directed to draw up plans for the  
erection of a suspension bridge over the Incaudru  
River between Newcastle and Fort Amiel, the  
difficulties of transport having come specially  
under the notice of Sir Evelyn Wood during the  
late rains, and the delays which occurred in the  
forward movement of troops in the campaign  
against the Boers having been in a large measure  
due to the impossibility of fording the river dur-  
ing certain seasons of the year.

THE *Higo News* translates the following from  
the *Kobe Shimpo*, which evidently refers to the  
owner of the yacht *Wanderer*.—A Mr. Lambert  
who lately visited here called at Miyajima, Aki,  
on his way to Nagasaki, landed and visited the  
temple of Iwakushima, where many deer are to  
be found partially tame and wandering through  
the groves. Mr. Lambert admired these animals  
very much and asked for two or three. The  
priest in charge replied that the deer were sacred  
to the god of the shrine from the earliest times,  
and therefore could not be disposed of. Mr.  
Lambert was very much disappointed, but he  
afterwards asked the governor of the prefecture  
to let him have the deer. The governor con-  
sented, and Mr. Lambert landed some sailors to  
to capture the animals. However, the deer  
eluded the foreign sailors, and as the residents  
assembled in great excitement and pelted the  
intruders with stones when they learned the  
design to capture the sacred deer, Mr. Lambert  
had to abandon his object. Mr. Atsumi, of  
Higo, who accompanied the gentleman as inter-  
preter, was much concerned.



*CHINA AND JAPAN.*

## Intimations.

griffins only, which has secured the large entry  
24, and should produce a close and exciting  
struggle. For the Challenge Cup, a forced entry  
for all ponies entered at the meeting, the name

straight forward manner imaginable, explained the magistrate that it was merely a little domestic fracas, and that the accident occurred through trying to "hammer the book of Job into her obstinate head."

Between husband and wife the most unbounded confidence should ever exist; but, when the latter rouses the former up at 3 a.m., simply to tell him that she "going to wash to-morrow," she is carrying the confidence business to a point where its value begins to leak a little.

emigrating people, and America has little to fear from them, while Mr. Seward's arguments may

may



**HONGKONG—SAILING VESSELS**

Post Office.

ooks, &c., can be stamped beforehand in the same manner as Cheque-Books. Loose receipts can also be stamped if required.

But not Warrant Officers, viz. — Conductors, Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

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P.M., Mails closed, except for Late Letters.  
 10.00 P.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents, until  
 11.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.  
 11.40 P.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.  
**THE FRENCH MAIL.**  
**DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE OR SATURDAY** if the departure be on Monday,  
 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.  
**DAY OF DEPARTURE.**  
 7. A.M., Post Office opens.  
 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
 11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.  
 11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until  
 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.  
 11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until time of departure.

**SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.**  
 1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy. Non-commissioned officers, Bombardiers, Bandmasters, Artillery Schoolmasters (not Superintending or First Class) Writers or schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom by mail at the rate of four cents (two-pence) each, which may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong stamps. (One penny). By private steamer the postage is two cents (one penny).  
 2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.  
 3.—Private steamer leave Hongkong for London about every ten days.  
 4.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce.  
 No hankerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent, even with the ends open.  
 5.—If from a soldier or sailor his class and name must be stated in full on the letter, the description of which must be signed by the Commanding officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c., in full. If to a soldier or sailor, his class and name, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.  
 6.—Soldiers and sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers, nor can these be forwarded with Imperial stamps.

**LETTER BOXES.**  
 Many boxes of letters are issued at the Post

Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a child—mother or recipient with them. The opinion of the printer and postmaster leaves no doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, as to whether or not they might not have been abstracted for the sake of the Postage stamps.

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Commercial papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge is the same as for Books, but all packets of and under 4 oz. weight are charged 5 Cents,

**TEA MUSTERS**

Persons who send **Musters of Tea** through the post in **Tins** are requested to have them made up at square instead of round, as it is impossible to pack round tins securely in the mail bags. It is

received that the tea will travel more safely in  
 at this, which are not so liable as round ones to  
 be bulged in. 4 by 3 by 1½ inches is suggested  
 of a good size. The tins should not have sharp  
 corners.

No responsibility can be accepted in this De-  
 partment for erroneous replies to verbal enquiries,  
 or to notes addressed to subordinate officers.  
 The shroffs take off to sell stamps should espe-  
 cially be so regarded as able to give correct  
 information. The Postal Guide alone is the  
 standard on all points on which such information  
 may be required.

**STAMP OFFICE,**

The above Office being now provided with a  
 cent die, Books of Receipts, Rent Collectors'  
 stamps, &c. can be stamped beforehand in the  
 same manner as Cheque-Books. Loose receipts  
 &c. can also be stamped if required.

But not Warrant Officers, viz.,—Conductor, Gunner, Bomb-  
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